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SUBJECT: IRANIAN F-5A'S FOR GREECE

1. DURING AN OCTOBER 20 CALL ON EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS ASKED ABOUT THE 12 SURPLUS IRANIAN F-5A'S THE HELLENIC AIR FORCE DESIRED TO ACQUIRE. ALEXANDRAKIS SAID THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD EXPECTED DELIVERY OF THE 12 F-5A'S BETWEEN JULY AND SEPTEMBER, ADDING THAT US TECHNICIAN TO PHASE IN THE AIRCRAFT HAD BEGUN TO ARRIVE IN GREECE. HE ASKED THAT THE US MAKE A DEMARCHE TO THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT IN AN EFFORT TO ASSURE TIMELY DELIVERY. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 2. ACCORDING TO DOD, THE 12 F-5A'S ARE IDENTIFIED BY TAIL NUMBERS, AND DELIVERY OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER.
- 3. FOR EMBASSY TEHRAN: THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE A STATUS REPORT ON THE TIMING OF THE DELIVERY OF THE 12 F-5A'S TO ATHENS. IRANIAN AIR FORCE (IIAF) APPROVAL FOR USE OF F-5A AGE (GROUND EQUIPMENT) REQUIRED BEFORE THE USAF DISASSEMBLY TEAM CAN BE DISPATCHED. C-5A DELIVERING

IIAF F-5E'S DUE TEHRAN EARLY NOVEMBER. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO USE SAME C-5A TO DELIVER DISASSEMBLED F-5A'S TO ATHENS ON RETURN TRIP. INGERSOLL

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